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SIRS:

Responsive to the Office Action of 7/26/02, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-10, and 36-41, cancel without prejudice.

Add claims 42-47, appearing in the Appendix 1-3 attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 42-47 are in the application. Claims 1-10 directed to non-elected matter has been cancelled to put this case into condition for allowance. These non-elected claims will shortly be the subject of one or more divisional applications. Claims 36-41 have been amended along the lines suggested by the Examiner in order to avoid the cited reference Balch, and thus obtain allowance, and now appears in clean copy of New Claims 42-47.

In view of the suggested amendments having been made, allowance is respectfully requested for the new claims 42-47.

The objection to "double patenting" has been carefully studied. Both SN 09/631,609 (instant case) and 09/792,967 have (a) the same inventor/applicant, and (b) the same assignee. The instant application was filed first on 8/4/00, whereas 09/792,967 was filed on 2/26/01. Both claim convention priority on 00/156,231 filed 5/26/00. In addition SN 09/631,609 claims convention priority on 11/250,213

I hereby certify that the correspondence upon which this notice is placed is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date set forth below.
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